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The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 11th September, 1956 and are hereby published for general information:—

THE INDIAN COCONUT COMMITTEE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1956

No. 47 of 1956

[11th September, 1956]

An Act further to amend the Indian Coconut Committee Act, 1944.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Coconut Committee (Amendment) Act, 1956. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. In section 2 of the Indian Coconut Committee Act, 1944 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the principal Act).— Amendment of section 2.

(i) after clause (bb), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(bbb) 'managing agent' has the meaning assigned to it in the Companies Act, 1956.";

(ii) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(cc) ‘occupier’ in relation to any mill, means the person who has ultimate control over the affairs of the mill, and where the said affairs are entrusted to a managing agent, such agent shall be deemed to be the occupier of the mill.”.

Amendment
of section 4.

3. In section 4 of the principal Act,—

(a) in clause (b),—

(i) for the words “ten persons”, the words “twelve persons” shall be substituted; and

(ii) for the words “two shall be nominated by the Government of Madras, three by the Government of the State of Travancore-Cochin”, the words “three shall be nominated by the Government of Madras, four by the Government of Travancore-Cochin” shall be substituted;

(b) in clause (c), for the word “Association”, the word “Chamber” shall be substituted;

(c) in clause (d),—

(i) for the words “five persons”, the words “eight persons” shall be substituted; and

(ii) for the word “Madras”, the words “Bombay, Madras, Orissa, West Bengal,” shall be substituted;

(d) in clause (f), for the words “one person”, the words “five persons” shall be substituted;

(e) for clause (g), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(g) three other persons, of whom two shall be elected from among themselves by the members of the House of the People and one shall be elected from among themselves by the members of the Council of States.”.

4. In sections 9A, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the principal Act, for the word "owner" wherever it occurs, the word "occupier" shall be substituted.

Amendment
of sections
9A, 10, 11,
12 and 13.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS ACT, 1956

No. 48 of 1956

[11th September, 1956]

An Act to provide for the declaration of certain highways to be national highways and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the National Highways Act, 1956. Short title,
extent and
commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. (1) Each of the highways specified in the Schedule except such parts thereof as are situated within any municipal area is hereby declared to be a national highway. Declaration
of certain
highways to
be national
highways.

(2) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare any other highway to be a national highway and on the publication of such notification such highway shall be deemed to be specified in the Schedule.

(3) The Central Government may, by like notification, omit any highway from the Schedule and on the publication of such notification, the highway so omitted shall cease to be a national highway.

3. In this Act, "municipal area" means any municipal area with a population of twenty thousand or more the control or management of which is entrusted to a municipal committee, a town area committee, a town committee or any other authority. Definition.

National highways to vest in the Union.

4. All national highways shall vest in the Union, and for the purposes of this Act "highways" include—

- (i) all lands appurtenant thereto, whether demarcated or not;
- (ii) all bridges, culverts, tunnels, causeways, carriageways and other structures constructed on or across such highways; and
- (iii) all fences, trees posts and boundary, furlong and mile stones of such highways or any land appurtenant to such highways.

Responsibility for development and maintenance of national highways.

5. It shall be the responsibility of the Central Government to develop and maintain in proper repair all national highways; but the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that any function in relation to the development or maintenance of any national highway shall, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the notification, also be exercisable by the Government of the State within which the national highway is situated or by any officer or authority subordinate to the Central Government or to the State Government.

Power to issue directions.

6. The Central Government may give directions to the Government of any State as to the carrying out in the State of any of the provisions of this Act or of any rule, notification or order made thereunder.

Fees for services or benefits rendered on national highways.

7. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, levy fees at such rates as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf for services or benefits rendered in relation to the use of ferries, temporary bridges and tunnels on national highways.

(2) Such fees when so levied shall be collected in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

(3) Any fee leviable immediately before the commencement of this Act for services or benefits rendered in relation to the use of ferries, temporary bridges and tunnels on any highway specified in the Schedule shall continue to be leviable under this Act unless and until it is altered in exercise of the power conferred by subsection (1).

Agreements with State Governments or municipalities.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Central Government may enter into an agreement with the Government of any State or with any authority entrusted with the control or management of any municipal area in relation to the development

or maintenance of the whole or any part of a national highway situated within the State or, as the case may be, in relation to the development or maintenance of any such part of a highway situated within a municipal area as is referred to in sub-section (1) of section 2 and any such agreement may provide for the sharing of expenditure by the respective parties thereto.

9. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. Power to make rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) the manner in which, and the conditions subject to which, any function in relation to the development or maintenance of a national highway or any part thereof may be exercised by the State Government or any officer or authority subordinate to the Central Government or the State Government;

(b) the rates at which fees for services rendered in relation to the use of ferries, temporary bridges and tunnels on any national highway may be levied and the manner in which such fees shall be collected;

(c) the periodical inspection of national highways and the submission of inspection reports to the Central Government;

(d) the reports on works carried out on national highways;

(e) any other matter for which provision should be made under this Act.

10. All notifications or agreements issued or entered into under this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are issued or entered into and all rules made under section 9 shall be laid for not less than thirty days before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and shall be subject to such modifications as Parliament may make during the session in which they are so laid or the session immediately following. Laying of notifications, rules, etc., before Parliament.

THE SCHEDULE

[See section 2]

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Serial No.	National Highway No.	Description of national highways
1	1	The highway connecting Delhi, Ambala, Jullundur and Amritsar and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan.
2	1A	The highway connecting Jullundur, Madhopur, Jammu, Banihal Srinagar, Baramula and Uri.
3	2	The highway connecting Delhi, Mathura, Agra, Kanpur, Allahabad, Banaras, Mohania, Barhi and Calcutta.
4	3	The highway connecting Agra, Gwalior, Shivpuri, Indore, Dhulia Nasik, Thana and Bombay.
5	4	The highway starting from its junction near Thana with the highway specified in serial No. 4 and connecting Poona, Belgaum, Hubli, Bangalore, Ranipet and Madras.
6	5	The highway starting from its junction near Baharagora with the highway specified in serial No. 7 and connecting Cuttack, Bhubaneshwar, Visakhapatnam, Vijayavada and Madras.
7	6	The highway starting from its junction near Dhulia with the highway specified in serial No. 4 and connecting Nagpur, Raipur, Samabalpur, Baharagora and Calcutta.
8	7	The highway starting from its junction near Banaras with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Mangawan, Rewa, Jabalpur, Lakhnadon, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Kurnool, Bangalore, Krishnagiri, Salem, Dindigul, Madurai and Cape Comorin.
9	8	The highway connecting Delhi, Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Ahmedabad, Baroda and Bombay
10	8A	The highway connecting Ahmedabad, Limbdi, Morvi and Kandla.
11	8B	The highway starting from its junction near Bamanbhore with the highway specified in serial No. 10 and connecting Rajkot and Porbandar.
12	9	The highway connecting Poona, Sholapur, Hyderabad and Vijayavada.
13	10	The highway connecting Delhi and Fazilka and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan.
14	22	The highway connecting Ambala, Kalka, Simla, Narkanda, Rampur and Chini and proceeding to the border between India and Tibet near Shipki-La.

Serial No.	National Highway No.	Description of national highways
15	24	The highway connecting Delhi, Bareilly and Lucknow.
16	25	The highway connecting Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi and Shivpuri.
17	26	The highway connecting Jhansi and Lakhnadon.
18	27	The highway connecting Allahabad with the highway specified in serial No. 8 near Mangawan.
19	28	The highway starting from its junction near Barauni with the highway specified in serial No. 23 and connecting Muzaffarpur, Pipra, Gorakhpur and Lucknow.
20	28A	The highway starting from its junction near Pipra with the highway specified in serial No. 19 and connecting Sagauli and Raxaul and proceeding to the border between India and Nepal.
21	29	The highway connecting Gorakhpur, Ghazipur and Banaras.
22	30	The highway starting from its junction near Mohania with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Patna and Bakhtiyarpur.
23	31	The highway starting from its junction near Barhi with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Bakhtiyarpur, Mokameh, Purnea, Dalkhola, Siliguri, Sivok, and Cooch Behar and proceeding to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 28 near Goalpara.
24	31A	The highway connecting Sivok and Gangtok.
25	33	The highway starting from its junction near Barhi with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Ranchi and Tatanagar and proceeding to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 7 near Baharamgora.
26	34	The highway starting from its junction near Dalkhola with the highway specified in serial No. 23 and connecting Berhampore, Barasat and Calcutta.
27	35	The highway connecting Barasat and Bangaon and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan.
28	37	The highway starting from its junction near Goalpara with the highway specified in serial No. 23 and connecting Gauhati, Jorabat, Kamargaon, Makum and Saikhoa Ghat.
29	38	The highway connecting Makum, Ledo and Lekhapani.
30	39	The highway connecting Kamargaon, Imphal, and Palel and proceeding to the border between India and Burma.
31	40	The highway connecting Jorabat and Shillong and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan near Dawki.

Serial No.	National Highway No.	Description of national highways
32	42	The highway starting from its junction near Sambalpur with the highway specified in serial No. 7 and proceeding via Angul to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 6 near Cuttack.
33	43	The highway connecting Raipur and Vizianagaram and proceeding to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 6 near Vizianagaram.
34	45	The highway connecting Madras, Tiruchirappalli and Dindigul.
35	46	The highway connecting Krishnagiri and Ranipet.
36	47	The highway connecting Salem, Coimbatore, Trichur, Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Cape Comorin.
37	47A	The highway starting from its junction near Trichur with the highways specified in serial No. 36 and connecting with the West Coast Road near Chalisseri.
38	49	The highway connecting Madurai and Dhanushkodi.
39	50	The highway connecting Nasik with the highway specified in serial No. 5 near Poona.

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